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September 14, 2017

VIA EMAIL: DUGE2004@YAHOO.COM

Mr. LEE DeHAVEN
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REPRESA, CA 95671-5071

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2017-000246

Dear Mr. DeHaven:

This is a final response to your October 14, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek information regarding the long term lease or transfer of legal title of a retired USN vessel.

We conducted a thorough search of this Headquarters' files, specifically those located in the Program Executive Office Ships, Inactive Ships Directorate (SEA 21). Knowledgeable personnel with that office conducted a search of its files and were unable to locate and records as responsive to your request. However, we did learn that LPDs are classified as combatant ships and that it is Navy's intent to dispose of combatant ships pursuant to Title 10 Section 7305 and 7305a, which ensures the effective and permanent demilitarization of a naval warship and prevents the possibility of a ship in which U.S. military personnel have served, fought, or died, from falling into undesirable hands or being used for an objectionable purpose (e.g., commercial display, property of an unfriendly government or group, or other public indignity).

If an interested group or party would like to pursue a lease/loan of a U.S. Navy vessel, we recommend their request be submitted directly to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy who will make a final determination as to whether permitting such a request is in the best interest of the U.S. Government.

If you believe that we did not conduct an adequate search, you may file an administrative appeal. Should you decide to file

an appeal, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should contain a copy of your original requests, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you think your appeal should be granted. Attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Mail the original to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Attn: FOIA APPEALS, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20350-1000. Please mail a copy of the appeal to:


Commander
Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5)
1333 Isaac Hull Ave SE
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021

As an alternative to filing an appeal, you may seek Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). You may submit your request for ADR either to DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil or you can call the Navy FOIA Service Center at 202-685-0214 or via the following address:

Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36)
Attn: FOIA/PA Service Center
C/O - Head, SECNAV/CNO FOIA/PA Program Office
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan, at 202-781-3359.

Sincerely,


DONNA M. HAMLIN
By direction